

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 29, line 32, with the following paragraph.

Cloning of hybridoma cells was conducted by limiting dilution. One to two hybridoma cells were added to each well of a 96 well flat bottomed plate previously inoculated with  $10^4$  mouse peritoneal macrophages as the feeder cells. After about 2 weeks, the supernatant was measured for the binding to VT2 and neutralization against VT2 as described in Examples 1 and 3, respectively. By repeating this cloning procedure several times as described above, a hybridoma cell clone secreting a monoclonal antibody (MuVTm1.1) which neutralizes VT2 was established. The hybridoma cell clone secreting MuVTm1.1, Accession NO. FERM BP-10877, was deposited under the Budapest Treaty at the International Patent Organism Depository, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, AIST Tsukuba Central 6, 1-1, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, 305-8566, Japan on July 24, 2007.